

# Weavers Guild

## *what is it?*

The LACS Weavers Guild offers the opportunity to work on a regular basis with other weavers, whose experience ranges from basic to mastery, on looms and with fibers owned by the Guild, or with personal materials. For beginners, a learner's loom is set up to weave a sampler towel and try the craft, even before taking a workshop to learning the fundamentals of setting up a loom and weaving.

Weavers learn from one another, share ideas, seek solutions to problems and participate in Guild-sponsored workshops. Weavers have a large library for their use.

The Guild is a member of New England Weavers Seminar. All Guild members are able to enroll in the biannual seminar program, while being expected to participate in related tasks.

Members of the Lexington Arts & Crafts Weavers Guild have the opportunity to show and sell their work in a number of LACS sponsored events (such as the Holiday Market Place, the summer Artisans Market, the Back Door Gallery, and more.



## *what's in it for you?*

- Take advantage of the variety of looms and materials owned by the guild and housed in our large studio.
- Enjoy Membership in New England Weavers Seminar and ability to enroll in its biennial seminar program.
- Make lasting friendships with other artists who share your enthusiasm and desire to explore a variety of techniques and materials.
- Receive discounts on classes and workshops.
- Automatically receive membership in NARM, North American Reciprocal Museums, which offers benefits such as free admission and member discounts at museum shops at over 600 museums in the U.S., over 30 in Massachusetts.\*
- Receive discounts at quality retailers.
- Exhibit your work and offer it for sale in the spacious Parsons Gallery during the Guild's Annual Exhibition and other invitational exhibits, as well as in other locations.
- Sell your work in the summer Artisans Market and the December Holiday Marketplace and year-round in the Back Door Gallery.
- Participate in Lexington Open Studios at LACS.
- Increase exposure of your art through the LACS website and social media.
- Receive Society and Guild newsletters with updated information on our programs, shows and events.\*\*
- Access Guild and Society libraries and resources.\*\*
- Be invited, along with a guest, to attend the popular Holiday Marketplace Preview Party and advance sale.

\*NARM benefit with full-year, non-discounted Society membership.

\*\* Not all Guilds have newsletter and library.

## *what would your part be?*

- To the extent possible, come and weave at the Weavers Guild (currently on Tuesdays).
- Volunteer for tasks within the Guild.
- Contribute your talents to the operation of the organization, for example, chair or serve on a committee, help with clerical tasks, plan and stage events, and staff the gallery during shows.
- Participate with work for sale or make a cash contribution to support the Fall Fair, our primary fundraiser.
- Meet annual Society membership dues.



## *what to do next?*

• Before committing to join the Weavers Guild, one is invited to participate for three months, by way of mutual exploration, in the weekly weaving sessions and the Guild meeting during lunch. If one wants to go forward with Weavers Guild membership, one is expected to know how to warp a loom. Some candidates know how to do this from past experience, others take a course given privately and locally, usually for 4-6 weeks.

To apply for membership in the Weavers Guild and LACS:

- Request an application packet from the LACS Office.
- Complete and submit the application form.
- Attend a brief orientation session.
- Pay Society and Guild membership dues.

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